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LEGAL SECTION, MANILA

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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 282)

TO: Executive Officer, Legal Section, Manila

SUBJECT: Atrocities at Barrio San Roque and Sitio Bituto,  
Zamboanga City, Mindanao, P. I., March 1945.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

For the purpose of review two separate reports have been combined and considered together inasmuch as the atrocities were apparently committed by the same military unit within two weeks of each other and at approximately the same locality. In order to avoid confusion, the pages of the record of the atrocity occurring last will be preceded by "I".

On or about 8 March 1945, some forty prisoners from San Ramon Penal Colony, Zamboanga City, who had been working under Japanese military supervision, were being escorted back by Japanese guards (R 8). When they reached Barrio San Roque, members of the Japanese naval forces tied them and placed them in three air-raid shelters of the Japanese navy camp near the San Roque River (R 2, Ex A). One by one the prisoners were taken from the shelters and apparently were killed as their cries of pain could be heard by those remaining under guard in the shelters (R 9). About ten prisoners succeeded in escaping and one of this group declares that he witnessed the execution of the other group from the top of a coconut tree where he remained for some two hours (R 19, 20).

On or about 23 March 1945, Japanese military personnel rounded up civilians at Sitio Bituto, Barrio Pasonanca, Zamboanga City, and confiscated all bolos. The prisoners were then tied and some of them taken individually to a nearby stream where Japanese slashed them on the head and back with sabers, bolos, and picks (R I-2, 16). Another victim who attempted to escape was bayoneted (R I-7), while a Filipino woman states that she was raped by a Japanese (R I-26).

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證書第二八五六号  
總司令部聯合軍最高指揮官ニテ法務部

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軍事郵便局五。

一九四五年四月十五日

檢察部宛覽書 (報告第二八三三号)

ニテ法務部行政官經由

件名 一九四五年三月比律賓諸島、ミンダオ島「サン  
ホアガ」市「バリオ・サン・ロケイ」及「ミンダオ・ビッテ」ニ於テ  
殘虐行爲

## 二. 證據、要約

此、殘虐行爲、明ラカニ同一部隊ヨリ、二週間以内ニ略々  
同一場所テ行ハレタカラ、再調査、爲ニニツ、別個報  
告、合併セテ一緒ニ考慮セラレタ。混乱ヲ避ケル爲、後ニ  
起ツタ殘虐行爲、記録、各頁ニハ「エ」ガ先ニナツテ居ル。

一九四五年三月八日又、其頃、日本軍、監督下ニ働イテ、サン  
ホアガ市「サン・ラモン」徒刑地カラ、約四十名ノ囚人達  
ハ日本軍衛兵ニ護送サレテ歸リツタ。(報告ハ)彼等  
ガ「バリオ・サン・ロケイ」ニ着イタ時、日本海軍部隊員達ハ  
彼等ヲ縛リ「サン・ロケイ」河近ク、日本海軍宿舎、三箇所、  
防空壕ニ入レタ。(R = E.A.) 囚人達ハ一人宛壕カラ連  
出サレ、壕ノ中ニ看視サレテ残ツニキタ者達ニ彼等、悲鳴



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が聞エタカラ明ラカニ殺せしタ。(R九)約十人、囚人が  
逃ゲル事ニ成功シ、此、内、又、他、人々、死刑執行ヲ彼  
ガ約ニ時間モエツテ年々「コ、ナツ」ノ木ノ頂カラ目撃シタト  
言明シテ其ル。(R十九、二十)

一九四五年三月二十三日カ若クハ其頃、日本軍人ハ「サゴト」  
カ市「ビンナカ」区「ビツテ」町、市民達ヲ檢挙シ刀劍ヲ  
全部沒收シタ。囚人達ハソレカラ縛ラレ、ソノ内、若干ハ大宛近  
クノ小川ニ連レテ行カレ其所デ日本軍、彼等、頭ヤ背中ヲ軍  
刀、ボーロ刀、及び鶴嘴ヲ斬ツタ。(R一一二、十六)逃ゲヨウト  
シタ他、犠牲者ハ銃劍ヲ刺サレタ。(R一一七)尚、人、比律  
賓婦人ハ日本人ニ強姦サレタト述ベテ其ル。(R一一二十六)